

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace abstract with the following amended abstract:

A tax data requestor collects tax information. The tax data requestor connects electronically to an electronic intermediary and/or to a tax data provider. The tax data requestor collects electronically an electronic tax return and/or tax data of a taxpayer from the electronic intermediary. The tax data requestor collects electronically tax data from the tax data provider. ~~[[A]]~~Further, a tax data distributor collects tax information. The tax data distributor connects electronically to electronic intermediaries and/or to tax data providers. The tax data distributor collects electronically electronic tax returns and/or tax data of taxpayers from the electronic intermediaries. The tax data distributor collects electronically tax data of taxpayers from the tax data providers. The tax data distributor assembles collected electronic tax returns and/or tax data to obtain assembled tax information of taxpayers.